

REMARKS

The non-final Office Action of January 16, 2007, has been reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. By this amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-11, 33, 34, and 36-39, have been amended, claims 3, 35, and 40-45 have been cancelled, and new claims 46-53 have been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 2, 3-11, 33, 34, 36-39, and 46-53 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 33, 34, and 36-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,816,719 to Heinonen et al. (*Heinonen*). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the following reasons.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite receiving and storing a group of terminal operating characteristics, as well as “associating the group of terminal operating characteristics with a user-selectable profile of the communication terminal.” In contrast, *Heinonen* describes sending profile information from multiple different wireless terminals to a network, and allowing other users and terminals to access this collection of information, for example, via a virtual whiteboard application. Abstract; col. 4, lines 37-67. Thus, in *Heinonen*, a remote user may be able to see when other users on the network have set their wireless terminal profiles to “Meeting”, “Silent”, “Outside”, or some other profile type. However, in *Heinonen*, there is no disclosure of a user accepting or selecting a received profile as the operating profile on the receiving terminal. Thus, *Heinonen* does not disclose associating a received group of terminal operating characteristics with a user-selectable profile of the communication terminal, as recited in amended claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that amended claim 1 is not anticipated by *Heinonen*. Amended claims 2 and 4-11, and new claims 46 and 47, depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1, as well as based on the additional features recited therein.

For example, claim 2 recites wherein the group of terminal operating characteristics includes “at least one graphical picture.” The Office Action alleges that a “graphical picture”

operating characteristic for a communication terminal is disclosed at col. 1, lines 34-40 of *Heinonen*. However, the relied-upon section of *Heinonen* does not disclose a “graphical picture” operating characteristic for a communication terminal, as recited in claim 2, but instead only discloses the ringing tone, volume, and lighting settings for a wireless terminal.

Additionally, claim 8 recites “providing a display on the communication terminal allowing the user to discard one or more of the terminal operating characteristics from a received message after inspecting the terminal operating characteristics included in the message.” The Office Action alleges that this concept is taught at col. 8, lines 60-67 of *Heinonen*. Applicants respectfully disagree. The relied-upon section of *Heinonen* is reproduced below:

60 others may only be allowed to view from the virtual white-
board that the user is unavailable. The information in the
stored user data may have tags, flags, or other indicators that
reflect whether the updated information is to be displayed on
the virtual whiteboard and viewable by others, or not.
65 further, the operational mode may be set that contains
parameters designating that the user is unreachable except
for certain situations, e.g., emergencies, Client A calls, etc.

This section describes *Heinonen*’s “virtual whiteboard,” as discussed above, but does not disclose or even relate to “allowing the user to discard terminal operating characteristics ... after inspecting the terminal operating characteristics,” as recited in claim 8.

Independent claim 33 has been amended to recite updating the operating characteristics of one or more user-selectable profiles on the communication terminal to correspond to the received group of terminal operating characteristics. As discussed above, *Heinonen* describes receiving profile information, but does not disclose accepting or selecting a received profile as the operating profile on the receiving terminal. Thus, *Heinonen* also does not disclose “updating the operating characteristics of the one or more user-selectable profiles to correspond to the received group of terminal operating characteristics,” as recited in amended claim 33. Accordingly, Applicants submit that amended claim 33 is also not anticipated by *Heinonen*. Amended claims 34 and 36-39, and new claim 48, depend from claim 33 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 33, as well as based on the additional features recited therein.

New Claims

Applicants have added new claims 46-53 to clarify and more fully claim their invention. For example, new claim 46 depends from claim 1 and further recites, “providing a display on the communication terminal to notify a user of the receipt of the terminal operating characteristics,” and receiving user input “indicating that the received terminal operating characteristics are to be saved on the communication terminal.” Since *Heinonen* also does not disclose receiving user input for saving received terminal operating characteristics on a communication terminal, new claim 46 is allowable over *Heinonen* for this additional reason.

New claim 47 depends from claim 1 and further recites, “receiving at the communication terminal user input selecting the user-selectable profile,” and “configuring the communication terminal to operate according to the terminal operating characteristics of the selected profile.” Since *Heinonen* also does not disclose receiving user input for selecting a profile or configuring a communication terminal to operate according to a profile, new claim 47 is allowable over *Heinonen* for this additional reason.

New claim 48 depends from claim 33 and further recites, “receiving at the communication terminal user input identifying one or more of the received terminal operating characteristics and affirming that the one or more user-selectable profiles stored on the communication terminal are to be updated to correspond to the one or more identified characteristics.” Since *Heinonen* also does not disclose receiving user input affirming that “profiles stored on the communication terminal are to be updated,” new claim 48 is allowable over *Heinonen* for this additional reason.

New independent claim 49 recites apparatus configured to perform a method comprising the steps recited in claim 1. Thus, for at least the same reasons discussed above in relation to claim 1, independent claim 49 is allowable over *Heinonen*. New claims 45-53 depend from claim 49 and are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 49, as well as based on the additional features recited therein.

Statement Establishing Common Ownership

The undersigned attorney of record hereby states that both the invention of the present application and the subject matter of *Heinonen* (U.S. Patent No. 6,816,719) were, at the time the

present invention was made, owned by or subject to an obligation of assignment to Nokia Corporation. Accordingly, *Heinonen* is removed as an applicable reference for potential 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejections.

CONCLUSION

All rejections having been addressed, applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3153.

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